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LOK SABHA

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VALUE ADDITION OF ARECANUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any scheme for value addition of arecanut;and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to promote private entrepreneurs in the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): There is no scheme under the consideration of Government for value addition of arecanut. Central Arecanut Marketing and Processing Co-operative (CAMPCO) is promoting and marketing value added products of arecanut and has set up a small consumer packaging unit and launched its own brand Mangala supari and a research unit has also been set up to explore the market feasibility of roasted arecanut. Kaju supari and kaju khadak supari are two value added products from CAMPCO which are free from tobacco.